

Preserve Peace and Democracy, Build Strong National Defense and Maintain Social Gains, Report Urges.	Appointment of Millis Starts Labor Board Housecleaning.	AFL President Pledges Complete Support of Defense Program; Assails Dictators, Asks Aid For Britain Short of War.
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Mr. Green emphasized that President Roosevelt agrees with the American Federation of Labor that peace can best be achieved by representatives of both sides sitting down together around the conference table. He placed

In a patriotic pledge, President Green urged the American Federation of Labor to support the national defense program to the hilt, demanding only that the economic and social gains made by labor be maintained.

He denounced totalitarianism in all forms and declared labor prays for the victory of Great Britain over the dictators of Europe because that means the victory of democracy.

Highlights of President Green's keynote address follow:
"We come to New Orleans with a record of achievement. It is an open book. We raise no technical reasons as to why we could not or would not present to the Symposium in attendance at this convention a detailed summary of our record."

present to the delegates in attendance at this convention a detailed financial report of the American Federation of Labor. We know of no legal or technical reasons why the delegates in attendance at a convention should not be acquainted with the financial affairs of the American Federation of Labor. Here it is, an open book. It will be read by all of you. Every dollar was

There it is, an open book. It will be read by all of you. Every dollar we have received is recorded and the source from which we received it. We come with the highest paid-up membership in the history of the American Federation of Labor. We are proud of our record. We are not ashamed to present it to you and to the public.

A. F. of L. Unity Stressed

and 'fraternity' mean. If there is one objective we have reached it is this, that we have preserved unity, solidarity, harmony and tranquillity within the American Federation of Labor.

where a rebel group is meeting. We behold the confusion of the tower of Babel. The murmuring of the ocean waves is submerged by the confusion of tongues, the right wing and the left wing in battle array against each other—hate, enmity, division and discord. It all grows out of rebellion, be-

cause those who promote rebellion must suffer the consequences of rebellion. There are no left wing groups and right wing groups in the American Federation of Labor. There is a united labor movement here made up of strong, loyal, devoted American working men committed to American principles.

Consequently there is no reason why there should be any left wing or right wing groups in the American Federation of Labor,

Democracy Must Be Protected

"We in America and the working people in particular stand immovably in opposition to totalitarianism and in defense of democracy. We do that for national reasons as well as for economic reasons. We have learned from a study of the situation that trade unionism can only flourish and live where workers are free to choose their representatives and to elect their leaders."

men are free. Freedom is the basis upon which our government rests. Our democratic trade unions cannot live, they cannot exist under the totalitarian form of government, for the record shows that the dictator attacked, first of all, the trade unions when he seized power.

Aid For Britain Supported

"We are praying this morning as we pray every day and every night that in this heroic struggle that is taking place between the forces of democracy and totalitarianism, Great Britain will win that heroic struggle in which she

"It is because we pray for the success of Great Britain that we stand with those that express themselves through an overwhelming public opinion in favor of extending to Great Britain in her hour of need all the help America

"It is our determination and purpose to carry on and to give to our Government all assistance possible in the execution of its defense plans and pol-

cies. American labor is responsive. We find that many of the projects launched during this national defense program are ahead of schedule. Why? Because labor is giving of its service, of its skill and of its training in a most wonderful and a most unusual way.

"I know the American Federation of Labor, its sentiment and its mind and I know we will stand unalterably opposed to the involvement of our beloved country in the European conflict. We will not consent to the transportation of our young men abroad to engage in the European conflict, and

that decision was arrived at as a result of the experiences through which we have passed during the last World War.

the United States. He solemnly assured us that American boys, American men would not be sent abroad to engage in a European conflict. We believe

him. We know he will keep his word and we know Congress can be relied upon to guard and protect us, because we do not believe that the President of the United States is 'an erratic, war-mongering politician.' We respect him, we honor him, we rely upon him to safely guide our nation during these days of international emergency. We are in defence for the western

"We will give of our service, our skill, our training, and our men in defense of our homeland, for the building of guns and battleships and a navy second to none, for the defense of America, because we believe in America and democracy, in American institutions."

defense of America, but we ask in return this: That none of the social and economic gains we have made, none of our achievements shall be set aside and none of these standards lowered during these days of emergency.

"We have tried, my friends, to heal the breach within the ranks of labor ever since the rebel, rival movement was formulated in 1935. We responded to every request made by the President of the United States to meet with

the representatives of the rebel group for the purpose of trying to work out an agreement. Our committee, made up of distinguished members of the American Federation of Labor, has waited patiently for an opportunity to sit around the conference table with the representatives of the C.I.O. for the

purpose of working out an agreement. For more than one solid year they have been waiting, waiting patiently, and the reason they have not met with the committee representing the other side is because the leader of the rebel movement refused to allow a committee representing the rebel movement to

Welcomes the President's Assistance
"The President of the United States has served in every possible way

He has endeavored to bring the groups together, and he believes that the only way to settle our differences is by representatives of the two groups sitting around the conference table, dealing with the differences in a definite, concrete way, men of good faith willing to sit around the conference table.

"The President of the United States is willing to help us and assist us and he has asked if these committees can be assembled and put to work, that

White House in Washington, there to receive his assurances and good will and cooperation. And it appears to me the moral strength of such a beginning would naturally reflect itself all through the honest and sincere

Praises AFL Non-Partisan Political Policy

"The American Federation of Labor stands more firmly entrenched in our political and economic life than ever before. We came through a heated

campaign that ended about the 5th of November with credit to ourselves and credit to the American Federation of Labor. We discovered in that campaign that the non-partisan-political policy of the American Federation of Labor rested upon a solid and enduring basis. We found that the workers

America were intelligent, that they knew how to vote. We submitted the facts and they decided for themselves. And we discovered one other thing: that some may have doubted, and that was this: That no man in America could deliver the labor vote to any candidate or any political party.

Now we look to the future with confidence and hope. We shall realize here for a more aggressive organizing campaign. Working men who were misled and followed the leaders of the rebel movement are becoming disillusioned and are now turning toward the real house and home of labor, the great American Federation of Labor - a great American institution and

bottom of my heart for all the support and assistance you have given me.
